# FAMILY LEGAL EXPENSES Insurance - Gold



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### Type of Insurance and Cover Provided

The Lexelle Family Legal Expenses Insurance Gold Policy offers household **Family Members** protection for legal fees and costs for the insured events detailed under the heading **'Sections of Cover'** 

### **Policy Definitions**

The following definitions are shown in bold text throughout this policy document and have the following meaning:

#### Authorised Representative (s)

A solicitor, counsel, claims handler or mediator or other appropriately qualified person appointed and approved by **Us** to represent **Your** or an **Insured person's** interests

#### **Civil Claim**

A claim for damages or compensation falling within the civil jurisdiction of the courts of the country in which the claim is made

#### Condition

An obligation which **You** must perform. If a **Condition** is not performed by **You**, **We** will not be under any liability to pay **You** anything under the terms of this policy

#### **Computer Virus**

Means a set of corrupting, harmful or otherwise unauthorised instructions or code including a set of maliciously introduced unauthorised instructions or code, programmatic or otherwise, that propagate themselves through a computer system or network of whatsoever nature. Computer virus includes but is not limited to @trojan Horses', 'worms' and 'time or logic bombs.'

#### **Defendant's Costs**

Legal costs and expenses the **Insured** or **Insured person** may become liable to pay to another party in making a **Civil claim** against that other party

### **Electronic Data**

Facts concepts and information converted to a form useable for communications, interpretation or processing by electronic and electromechanical data processing or electronically controlled equipment and includes programmes, software and other coded in structions for the processing and manipulation of such equipment.

#### **Family Members**

Any member of **Your** family (including civil partners and children for whom **You** or **Your** spouse/civil partner are the legal guardian) residing with **You** at the **Principal Home** 

### Free Legal Advice

Basic legal a dvice over the telephone relating to a possible **Civil Claim** that has potential to fall under the cover provided by this policy. No correspondence will be entered into when utilising this service

### Insured (s)

The person named in the schedule to this policy

#### Insurer

UK General Insurance Limited on behalf of Great Lakes Reinsurance (UK) SE

## Insured Person (s)

The Insured and Family Members

### Insured's Only or Principal Home

The property identified in the schedule to this policy, that is the insured's only or principal home. **We** may, after receiving a written request from the **Insured**, accept a change of address

however, the new address must be the insured's only or Principal Home

#### **Legal Advice**

Advice given by an Authorised Representative

#### **Legal Proceedings**

A claim for damages or compensation pursued in a court of law within England, Wales, Scotland & Northern Ireland

#### **Maximum Amount**

£75,000 (including a maximum of £25,000 for any Employment Dispute claims) in total, including **Professional Fess** and **Defendants Costs**, for one or more claims during a single **Period of Cover** 

#### **Period of Cover**

The period stated in the schedule to this policy

#### **Professional Fees**

Legal fees and costs reasonably incurred by the **Authorised Representative**, with **Our** prior authority including costs incurred by another party for which **You** are made liable by Court Order, or may pay with **Our** consent in pursuit of **Your claim**. This includes disbursements as long as these are in respect of services supplied by a third party, that the services are distinct and separate from the services supplied by the **Authorised Representative** and that **Our** prior permission has been obtained prior to incurring any disbursement cost in excess of £500 including VAT.

#### **Reasonable Prospect of Success**

Your Civil Claim is deemed to be more likely than not to be successful

#### Small Claim (s)

A claim for damages or compensation which is or may if **Legal proceedings** are issued be allocated to the **Small claims** jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales or the equivalent in Scotland and Northern Ireland

#### We, Our, Us

Lexelle Ltd as agents for the Insurer

#### You, Your

The person named as the **Insured** in the schedule to this policy or an **Insured person** 

#### Your Claim

A claim by You falling within the Sections of Cover

### **Sections of Cover**

Subject to the terms, conditions and exclusions of this policy  $\bf Your$  Legal Costs and Expenses will be covered up to a maximum of £75,000 (including a maximum of £25,000 for Employment Disputes)

AREAS OF COVER	EXCLUSIONS OR LIMITATIONS
Free Legal Advice Line  A Free Legal Advice line is offered for a dvice on personal legal matters falling under the sections of cover provided by this policy.  Please telephone 03334 008216	<ul> <li>a) This service only provides basic/generic legal a dvice over the telephone, no correspondence will be entered into or considered</li> <li>b) This service cannot be used instead of making a claim under this policy or instructing a solicitor or other representative to act or provide formal legal advice.</li> </ul>
2. Personal Injury  This section of cover will provide legal assistance to recover compensations hould you suffer personal injury or death  The Defendant's Costs of any claim we accept under this policy, which You become liable to pay  Where Your claim under this section of cover has been accepted We may provide rehabilitation treatment with a value up to £5,000	<ul> <li>a) Anyillness or bodily injury, which happens gradually or is not caused by a specific or sudden event.</li> <li>b) Anyinjury caused in a road traffic or other incident where you were the driver or passenger in a private motorised vehicle</li> <li>c) Clinical or medical negligence claims</li> <li>d) Rehabilitation costs relating to injury or symptoms not relating to the claim a ccepted under this section and/or incurred without our written a uthority.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>3. Employment Disputes</li> <li>For Professional Fees (up to £25,000) for Us to negotiate for Your legal rights concerning a claim against Your employer for unfair or wrongful dismissal, redundancy or unlawful discrimination by Your employer falling within the jurisdiction of an Employment Tribunal.</li> <li>4. Criminal Prosecution Defence</li> <li>We will, pay the Profession Fees incurred in the successful defence of an Insured Person against a Criminal Prosecution.</li> <li>Provided that:</li> <li>1. The matter is reported to Us within 14 days of You being made aware of the potential prosecution.</li> <li>2. Reasonable Prospects of Success exist for the duration of the claim.</li> <li>5. Tax Protection</li> <li>We will negotiate on Your behalf and represent You in any appeal proceedings in respect of a full enquiry by the Inland Revenue into Your personal tax affairs, if the full enquiry resulted from Your work as an employee.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>a) The first £250 of Professional Fees incurred following a cceptance of Your employment dispute claim under this policy. This is payable as soon as We accept the claim</li> <li>a) offences relating to a motor vehicle</li> <li>b) where in Our or the Authorised Representative's opinion there is not a genuine defence to the prosecution</li> <li>c) the date of the alleged offence is not within the Period of Cover</li> <li>d) the offence relates to the Insured Person's business or profession, or in relation to a claim under an insurance policy/claim</li> <li>e) Professional Fees incurred where the charges against the Insured Person are not dismissed or the Insured Person is not acquitted</li> <li>a) Any enquiry involving/relating to any earnings outside your contracted full time employment.</li> <li>b) Self Employed persons</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>6. Jury Service</li> <li>We will pay Your salary or wages for the time that You are off work whilst attending jury service that are not legally recoverable from the court or the Your employer</li> <li>The amount We will pay is based on the following: - <ul> <li>a) The time You are off work, We will work out to the nearest halfday, assuming that a whole day is eight hours</li> <li>b) If You work full time the salary or wages for each whole day equals 1/250th of Your annual salary or wages net of deductions for Income Tax and National Insurance contributions.</li> <li>c) If You work part time the salary or wages will be based on the last six months average earnings.</li> <li>d) In any event we will not pay more than £100 a day or £1,000 in total for any one claim.</li> <li>e) Copies of wage/salary slips and your employment contract will be required to support any claim.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	a) The policy only covers loss of salary or wages that would be paid by <b>Your</b> employer if you had attended work, there is no cover for lost income or other losses suffered by a business or the Self Employed.  b) There is no cover for loss of bonus or overtime

## **EXCLUSIONS OR LIMITATIONS (cont'd)** AREAS OF COVER (cont'd) **Contract Disputes** Any Claim relating to the following: -7. We will negotiate Your legal rights in a dispute a rising from an A contract regarding Your profession, business or agreement, which the You have entered into for: employment; or a) The buying or hiring in of any goods or services; or b) A lease, licence or tenancy of land or buildings; or The selling of any goods; or Buying or selling of Your Principal Home A dispute with a professional advisor in connection with the drafting of a lease, licence or tenancy agreement; or Provided that: d) Construction/building work (including internal or external The agreement has been entered into by You and the agreement structural alterations) on any land, or designing, was made during the Period of Cover; and converting or extending any building; or The amount in dispute is more than £100 e) The sale or purchase of any land or building other than your Principal Home; or. A contract involving a motor vehicle; or Advice, sale, cover or settlement payable under an insurance policy or other financial product/service; or. h) The contract is not confirmed in writing. Items/property bought or sold via a uction; or. j) The item/Property has previously been repossessed Professional Fees incurred and Defendant's cost where Your defence to a claim is not wholly successful. 8. Any claim relating to the following: -**Property Protection** We will negotiate for Your legal rights in a civil action relating to a) A contract entered into by an Insured Person; or material property (including Your Principal Home), which is owned by You. following: b) Any building or land other than the **Principal Home**; or An event which causes, or could cause, physical damage to Someone legally taking **your** material property, whether such property **you** are offered money or not, or restrictions or controls placed on Your material property by any government or b) Any nuisance or trespass public or local authority unless the claim is for a ccidental physical damage; or d) Work done by or on behalf of any government or public or local authority unless the claim is for a ccidental physical damage; or e) A motorised vehicle; or Mining subsidence; or g) Defending any claim for property damage caused by You, but defending a counter claim resulting from a claim being pursued under this policy is covered; or h) The first £250 of **Professional Fees** incurred following acceptance under this policy of **Your** claim for nuisance or trespass. This is payable as soon as **We** accept the claim Any matter where the valued of the loss is less than £100 The sale or purchase of any land or building other than Your Principal Home.

We will not pay: -

#### Professional Fees and/or Defendant's costs

- a) Of a Small claim
- b) Incurred in claiming damages or compensation in respect of a loss covered by a nother policy of insurance
- c) Where they are covered by a nother policy of insurance
- the value/amount in dispute is disproportionate to the time and Professional Fees involved in its pursuit
- e) In respect of any matter that was not caused by a specific or sudden incident/event
- f) In excess to those recoverable under the Civil Procedure Rules or other agreement between parties.
- g) In excess of what We would have paid to Appointed Representatives appointed by Us to undertake the same work.
- h) Incurred before **We** have received full details of/for any event or claim from **You** and **We** have accepted **Your** claim.
- i) In aggregate in excess of the Maximum Amount
- j) Where Your claim does not have a Reasonable Prospect of Success
- k) Where **Your** defence to a claims is not wholly successful
- Incurred after You or We have received Legal Advice to accept a proposal, Part 36 offer or Part 36 payment made in settlement of Your Claim or Legal Advice not to pursue or continue to pursue Your Claim by Legal Proceedings
- m) Incurred after We have told You that We consider Your Claim should be pursued by means other than by Legal Proceedings
- n) Of any appeal made without Our consent in writing, or after receiving our written consent, incurred after You have received Legal Advice that the appeal does not have a Reasonable Prospect of Success
- o) Where You have failed to comply with a Condition of this policy
- p) Where the Authorised Representative instructed to act on Your behalf refuse to continue to act on Your behalf or represent You
- q) Where **You** without a good reason instruct the **Authorised Representative** instructed to act on **Your** behalf to cease acting on **Your** behalf or representing **You**
- r) For claims which a rise from a criminal act or omission
- For a pplications for judicial review or in respect of the Human Rights Act or proceedings forming part of a group or multi-party action
- t) We will not pay for expert or other evidence required to establish that Your potential claim meets the requirements of the policy
- u) Any Claim Relating to:
  - 1. Divorce, Judicials eparation, Cohabitation, Residence, contact, Financial provision, Ancillary relief or Affiliation

- 2. Probate or Inheritance
- 3. Custody, Guardianship, Parental or Access rights
- 4. Disputes with members of **Your** family
- Patents, Copyrights, trademarks, service marks, registered design, intellectual property or secrecy or confidential agreements
- 6. Any venture for gain undertaken outside of an employment contract
- 7. Directorship or Partnership disputes
- 8. Verbal contracts
- v) For any insured incidents which;
  - occurred outside of England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland
  - 2. did not occur during the **Period of Cover** stated in the schedule to this policy
- w) For any claims caused by, contributed to by or a rising from:
  - Ionising radiation or contamination by radioactivity from any radiated nudear fuel or from any nuclear waste from combustion of nuclear fuel;
  - The radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous properties of any explosive nuclear assembly or component thereof;
  - 3. Terrorism, war, invasion, acts of foreign enemies, hostilities (whether war is declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution insurrection, military force or usurped power, confiscation, nationalism or requisition or destruction or damage to property by or under the order of any government or public or legal authority. Terrorism in this context shall mean an act induding but not limited to the use of force or violence or any threat thereof, of any person or group of persons whether acting alone or in connection with any organisation or government, committed for political, religious, ideological or similar purposes induding the intention to influence any government or to place the public or any section of the public in fear;
  - 4. Pressure waves caused by aircraft or any other airborne devices travelling at sonic or supersonic speed
  - 5. notwithstanding any provision to the contrary within this policy or endorsement thereto, it is understood that, this policy does not insure loss, damage, destruction, distortion, erasure, corruption alteration of **electronic data** from any cause whatsoever (including but not limited to **computer virus**) nature resulting thereform, regardless of any other cause or event contributing concurrently or in any other sequence to the loss
- Any sum You are ordered to pay by way of a fine, costs, compensation or other financial penalty by a court in criminal proceedings
- y) Prosecutions which allege dishonesty or violence
- z) Claims against Lexelle Limited or the Insurer or Broker
- aa) If **You** or any person acting on Y**our** behalfs ubmits a daim or makes a request for payment, knowing, or where Y**ou** should have known it to be false, fraudulent or exaggerated, then this policy will become void, no premium will be refundable and **We** shall be entitled to recover any monies previously paid to Y**ou**. **We** may also share this information with the appropriate law enforcement a uthorities.

#### **Conditions**

You must comply with the following obligations each of which is a Condition of this policy

- a) Ensure that **We** receive notification of any event which may give rise to any claim under this policy as soon as possible
- b) Ensure that **We** receive full details for any event or claim under this policy no later than 180 days after the event giving rise to **Your Claim**
- c) Provide any information requested by **Us** or the **Authorised Representative** instructed on **Your** behalf as soon as possible
- d) Take steps, where possible, to minimise **Professional Fees** or **Defendant's Costs** which **We** may be liable to pay under the terms of this policy
- e) Ensure that the **Authorised Representative** instructed on **Your** behalf fulfils the **Authorised Representative** obligations set out below
- f) Ensure any claim You make is an honest claim and not one which is false or fraudulent
- g) Ensure that Your Claim is not prejudiced by any action or inaction on Your part

#### **Reporting of Claims**

UK General Insurance Limited is an insurers' agent and in the event of a claim act on behalf of Grate Lakes Reinsurance (UK) SE

For a dvice on personal legal matters please telephone 03334 008216

In the performance of **Our** obligation to cover **You** under the terms of this policy

- a) You must supply Us with a complete and truthful report of the facts giving rise to Your Claim, details of any potential witnesses, any documentary evidence in support of Your Claim. You may report your claim by telephone on 03334 008216
- b) We will make a preliminary assessment of the merits of Your Claim. If We decide that Your Claim appears to fall under the cover of the policy and have a Reasonable Prospect of Success We will appoint an Authorised Representative selected by Us to act on Your behalf in Your claim
- c) If We
  - consider it unlikely a reasonable settlement will be obtained or the value or a mount in dispute is disproportionate to the time and legal costs involved in its pursuit; or
  - 2. decide Your Claim does not appear to have a Reasonable Prospect of Success; then

We will tell You, and if requested by You provide confirmation in writing. If You accept Our advice, Your entitlement to payment from Us under this policy for that claim is at an end and We will be discharged from any liability to You in respect of that claim

- d) If You do not accept Our advice We will instruct an Authorised representative selected by Us to a dvise You and Us whether Your claim has a Reasonable Prospect of Success. If the Authorised Representative instructed advises Your claim does not have Reasonable Prospect of Success, We will not be liable to pay You anything under the terms of this policy for that claim. If the Authorised Representative instructed advise that there are Reasonable Prospect of Success We will appoint the Authorised Representative to act on Your behalf in the pursuit of Your Claim
- e) When **We** appoint an **Authorised Representative** to act on **Your** behalf **We** will tell **You**. The **Authorised Representative We** have appointed will require **You** to enter into an agreement with them under which they will act on **Your** behalf
- f) We will take over and conduct in Your name any Civil Claim for damages or compensation in respect of an accepted claim covered under this policy. The Authorised Representative nominated and appointed by Us will act on Your behalf and You must accept Our nomination. This does not affect Your legal rights at the point of or during legal proceedings.
- g) If
- 1. the Authorised Representative instructed to act on Your behalf refuses to continue to act on Your behalf; or
- 2. You without a good reason instruct the Authorised Representative to cease acting on Your behalf; then

We will not pay You anything under the terms of this policy and Our liability under this policy for that claims hall cease forthwith

h) We may appoint another **Authorised Representative** to act on **Your** behalf or permit **You** to instruct another **Authorised Representative** to act on **Your** behalf if **We** consider that it is fair to do so

- i) Where an Authorised Representative is appointed to act on Your behalf by Us We appoint them in the performance of Our obligations under the terms of this policy and not as an agent for You
- j) Where an **Authorised Representative** is instructed to act on **Your** behalf **You** and **We** will require them to comply with the **Authorised Representatives** obligations set out below
- k) We may require counsel to a dvise whether in all the circumstances of Your claim, including a proposal, Part 36 offer or Part 36 payment made in settlement of Your Claim should be accepted or whether Your claim should be pursued or continue to be pursued by Legal Proceedings
- I) If We consider that Your Claim should be pursued by some means other than by Legal Proceedings We will tell You in writing

### **Your Authorised Representatives Obligations**

#### Your Authorised Representative must

- a) Provide **You** and **Us** with a reasoned assessment in writing of the prospects of success in **Your Claim** and an estimate of the likely costs of pursuing **Your Claim** as soon as practicable and in any event within 28 days of accepting instructions to act on **Your** behalf
- b) Notify **You** and **Us** immediately in writing of any proposal made in settlement of **Your Claim** or any Part 36 offer or Part 36 payment made in respect of **Your Claim** together with their advice as to whether the proposal, Part 36 offer or Part 36 payment should be accepted
- c) Notify You and Us immediately in writing of any change in their assessment of the prospects of success in Your Claim
- d) Provide **Us** with such information as **We** may require from time to time a bout the progress of **Your Claim**
- e) Provide **Us** with a written report at 6 monthly intervals from the date instructions to a ct on **Your** behalf were accepted by them, as to the progress of **Your Claim** and any change in the prospects of success in **Your Claim** or the likely cost of pursuing **Your Claim**
- f) Deal with Your Claim in such manner as We require from time to time
- g) Obtain Our consent in writing before undertaking any of the following;
  - 1. issuing Legal Proceedings on Your behalf
  - 2. instructing counsel, leading counsel or an expert witness on Your behalf
  - 3. making an appeal against any order of the court made in Legal Proceedings is sued on Your behalf
  - 4. withdrawing, discontinuing or settling **Your Claim** in a way which may give rise to a liability on **Our** part to pay **Defendant's Costs** under this policy
  - 5. entering into any agreement as to the amount of or liability to pay **Defendant's Costs**
  - 6. enteringinto any form of alternative dispute resolution
  - 7. incurring any disbursement likely to exceed £500 or more (exclusive of Vat)
- h) Use their best endeavours to obtain payment of **Professional Fees** or **Defendant's Costs** from any other party who may be liable to pay those costs
- i) Repay to **Us** any costs **We** have paid in the pursuit of **Your Claim** which may be recovered from any other party
- j) If required to do so by **Us**, procure an assessment by the court or an appropriate professional body of the amount properly payable to the **Authorised Representative** for **Professional Fees**

#### Cancellation

We hope You are happy with the cover this policy provides. However, if a fter reading this policy, this insurance does not meet with Your requirements, please return it to Lexelle Ltd, within 14 days of issue and We will refund Your premium. Thereafter You may cancel the policy at anytime, however, no refund of premium will be available.

The **Insurer** shall not be bound to accept renewal of any insurance and may at any time cancel any insurance document by sending 14 days' notice to the **Insured** at their last known address. Provided the premium has been paid in full the **Insured** shall be entitled to a proportionate rebate of premium in respect of the unexpired period showing on the insurance

### This policy is not transferable.

#### General

You will at all times co-operate with Us and with the Authorised Representative instructed on Your behalf

a) Any dispute between **You** and **Us** which **We** cannot resolve between **Us** shall be determined by arbitration by an arbitrator appointed by **You** and by **Us** together. If **We** cannot agree on the arbitrator to be appointed **You** or **We** can ask the Chairman of the Bar Council to choose a barrister to be the arbitrator. The arbitrator will decide how the dispute should be resolved in accordance with the

provisions of the Arbitration Acts then inforce and his decision will be final. All reasonable costs and expenses incurred in connection with the arbitration shall be paid to the successful party by the unsuccessful party

- b) The rights and obligations of an **Insured Person** under this policy of insurance shall be governed by the provisions of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999
- c) Unless some other law is agreed in writing, this policy is governed by English law. If there is a dispute, it will only be dealt within the courts of England or of the country within the United Kingdom in which your main residence is situated.

#### **Consumer Insurance Act**

You are required by the provisions of the Consumer Insurance (Disclosure and Representations) Act to take care to supply accurate and complete answers to all the questions in the declaration and to make sure that all information supplied is true and correct. You must tell Us of any changes to the answers You have given as soon as possible. Failure to advise Us of a change to Your answers may mean that Your policy is invalid and that it does not operate in the event of a claim

#### **Complaints Procedure**

It is the intention to give **You** the best possible service but if **You** do have any questions, concerns or complaint about the handling of this insurance or the handling of a claim **You** should contact the Claims Manager at Lexelle Ltd. The contact details are: Claims Manager, Lexelle Ltd. P.O. Box 4428, Sheffield, S9 9DD. Tel 0114 249 3300 Fax 0114 249 3323.

Please ensure **Your** policy number is quoted in all correspondence to assist a quick and efficient response.

If it is not possible to reach an agreement, **You** have the right to make an appeal to the Financial Ombudsman Service. This also applies if **You** are insured in a business capacity and have an annual turnover of less than €2million and fewer than tenstaff. **You** may contact the Financial Ombudsman Service at: Financial Ombudsman Service,, Exchange Tower, London, E14 9SR. Tel. 0300 1239123

The above complaints procedure is in addition to **Your** statutory rights as a consumer. For further information about **Your** statutory rights contact **Your** local authority Trading Standards Service or Citizens Advice Bureau.

#### **Financial Services Compensation Scheme**

Great Lakes Reinsurance (UK) SE is covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). You may be entitled to compensation from the scheme, if it cannot meet their obligations. This depends on the type of business and the circumstances of the claim. Most insurance contracts are covered for 90% of the claim with no upper limit. You can get more information a bout compensation scheme a rrangements from the FSCS or visit <a href="https://www.fscs.org.uk">www.fscs.org.uk</a>

### **Data Protection Act 1998**

Please note that any information provided to **Us** will be processed by **Us** and **Our** agents in compliance with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998, for the purpose of providing insurance and handling claims, if any, which may necessitate providing such information to third parties. **We** may also send the information in confidence for process to other companies acting on their instructions including those located outside the European Economic Area